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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, £5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, £1,500,000 Dollars.

Directors.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KENNEDY. Deputy Chairman—A. MOLYNEUX, Esq. ADOLPH ANDER, Esq. H. R. BRILLIANT, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, EMMET CAMERON, Esq. London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " " "

" 12 " 5 " " " "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 17, 1880.

COMPTON D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

Recognised by the International Convention of 30th April, 1863.

Capital Fully Paid-up, £3,200,000. Reserve Fund, £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Paix, PARIS.

AGENTS AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MANHATTAN, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, PANKOW, NANKAI, SHANGHAI, PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business.

R. G. VOULEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Paid-up Capital, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months notice 3 1/2 per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " " "

" 12 " 5 " " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. G. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

The following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " " "

" 3 " 3 " " " "

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum.

On Fixed Deposits, 5 per cent. per annum.

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £100,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " " "

" 12 " 5 " " " "

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1860.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £835,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250. RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, THE MIDDLESEX STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS: NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement; the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY AUTHORIZED MR. CARL VON FUSTAU to Sign our Firm by Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, February 25, 1880. ma25

NOTICE.

MR. GUSTAV HARLING has been authorized to Sign our Firm here and at Shanghai from this Date.

EDUARD SCHILLHANS & Co. Hongkong, March 15, 1880. ma29

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES T. HIRST was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, A.C.

HESSE & Co. Hongkong, March 4, 1880. ap1

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY CRAWFORD will Sign our Name per Procuration from this Date.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, March 4, 1880. ap4

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED MYSELF as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER in this Colony, at 49, Queen's Road Central, under the Style or Firm of "EQUA DA SILVA & Co."

A. A. ROA DA SILVA. Hongkong, March 20, 1880. ap20

NOTICE.

MR. N. C. STEVENS is hereby authorized to Sign our Name by Procuration at Amoy, the Power held by Mr. ELWELL ORANGE from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co. China, February 9, 1880. my11

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the New York Board of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, Sept. 5, 1879. se80

FOR SALE.

A BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO, by Broadwood, in good condition.

For Particulars, apply to X. Q. No. "CHINA MAIL" Office.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.50.

"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW" BY E. H. PARKER.

Can be ordered from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have always on Hand a Stock of Messrs JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS' PIANOFORTES in various Styles for SALE, on Hire, or on a system Combining Hire with purchase by which part of the Purchase Money is paid at once, and the Balance by monthly instalments extending over three years.

Mr. DOUGLAS DALE has practical experience as a PIANO TUNER and REPAIRER, having passed through Messrs BROADWOOD'S FACTORIES—and any Work entrusted to him will be carefully and efficiently performed.

Inspection of PIANOS in Stock is invited.

Hongkong, March 13, 1880. ap13

FOR SALE.

JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, £16 per 1 doz. Case.

Pinks, £17 per 3 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

FOR SALE.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and Good-will of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr. ANDREW WOLTERS at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

Full Particulars will be given on Application.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

TO BE SOLD OR LET.

A WELL BUILT HOUSE on Northern Slope of Mount KELLY.

For Particulars, apply to H. A. WOOLNOUTH, Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, March 13, 1880.

To Let.

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR OF HOUSE, No. 1, PRATA EAST, MARY STREET, No. 65, together with the GROUND FLOOR, or separately.

Also, GROUND FLOORS of Nos. 3 and 4.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, March 4, 1880. ap4

TO BE LET, on Lease for BUILDING, a FISH OF GRASS, containing about 10,000 Square Feet, at SPRING GARDENS, in Island Lot No. 159, commanding a good view of the harbour.

Apply to BRERETON & WOTTON, Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

TO LET.

FOREIGN HOUSES, containing Six Rooms and Out-Houses; Also, CHINESE SHOPS and HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 3, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 26, 1880.

TO LET.

FOUR-STORY HOUSES in Hollywood Road.

A HOUSE in Lyndhurst Terrace.

Apply to E. R. BELLIOS. Hongkong, December 27, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GODOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT 10.

Also, the TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Auctions.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO BE SOLD as a going Concern, by PUBLIC AUCTION, on a DAY to be hereafter fixed in the Month of APRIL next, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, and subject to withdrawal by the Vendor for any other reason of which due Notice will be given), THE BUSINESS OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPWRIGHTS, lately Carried on by Messrs J. LUGG & Co., known as the VICTORIA FOUNDRY, and situate at SPRING GARDENS, VICTORIA, together with all the PLANT, MACHINERY, TRADE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, STEAM LAUNCHES, and STOCK-IN-TRADE, and including the Good-will, and all Existing Contracts and Engagements.

For further Particulars, apply to SHARP TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors for the Mortgagees, Supreme Court House, 17th February, 1880.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction at the Godown No. 1 of Messrs J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co., Warehouse, on

WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant, at 2 p.m., (For account of the concerned.)

Ex Steamer "Hesperia,"

6 Bales BLANKETS.

2,000 Suits CHINESE CLOTHES.

600 COTTON JACKETS.

600 Pairs Men's and Women's CHINESE SHOES.

HATS, COMBS, &c., &c.

Also, 71 Cases Australian MEAT, in Tins of 12lb.

100 Tubs PRESERVED FISH.

47 Boxes STOCKFISH.

37 Boxes SALT FISH.

20 Half-chests TEA.

10 Boxes SUGAR.

17 Tubs SUGAR PASTE.

57 Bags GREEN PEAS and BEANS.

1 Box OPIUM PILLS.

MACCARONI, MUSHROOMS, DRIED LILY, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

EOA DA SILVA & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Mar. 22, 1880. ma24

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Official Assignee to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1880, at 2 p.m., at the residence of Mr. J. INGLIS, Praya West, the whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., belonging to J. INGLIS, Bankrupt, comprising—

English-made: Walnut Oval Centre Table.

Cretone-covered Drawing-room Suite.

Chimney Glass, Clock, Ornaments, Engravings, Blackwood Carved Chairs, Glass Bookcases, and Books.

Extension Dining Table, Sideboard, Whiskies; Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets; Glassware, Plated Ware, Dining-room Chairs, Drawers, and Carpets.

Double Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Black Walnut Marble-top Dressing Table with Glass, Blackwood Marble-top Washstands, &c., &c.

A Cottage PLANT, by KIRKMAN, London, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Mar. 19, 1880. ma25

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. the GOVERNOR, JOHN POPE HENNESSY, O.M.G.

MADAME DORIAN'S OPERA COMIQUE COMPANY will have the honor of giving their FIRST PERFORMANCE.

THIS EVENING, the 23rd Instant,

When will be presented LACOCQ'S OPERA COMIQUE in Three acts,

"GIROFLE-GIROFLE."

For Particulars see Programmes.

Prices of Admission: Dress Circle and Stalls, £2. Back Seats, £1.

Doors open at 8; Performance to commence at 9 o'clock.

Tickets may be had and Seats secured at Messrs KERR & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880. ma24

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS leaves Hongkong on the 1st April for SHANGHAI, at which port he will remain during the Summer.

Hongkong, February 17, 1880.

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS, &c.

FROM NOBEL'S EXPLOSIVES CO., of LONDON, GRASSCOP, can be had in any Quantity on application to THE BORNEO Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1880. sm81

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Out-of-Order Books, or Papers, will be thankfully received at the SAILORS' HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

Mr. Andrew Wind.

News Agent, 133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

Is authorized to receive Subscriptions, and to forward the "China Mail," "Overland China Mail," and "China Review."

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1880, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th March to the 27th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, J. BRADLEY SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 11, 1880. ma27

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Shares Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1879, on or before MARCH 31st, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880. ap1

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

TWO NEW BILLIARD ALLEYS HAVE BEEN LAID.

ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS AND FAMILIES.

For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE JUST LANDED
AN INVOICE OF JOSEPH ROGERS &
SONS' BEST CUTLERY,
Comprising—
Table Knives,
Meat Carvers,
Porkknives,
Office and Ladies' Scissors,
Dessert Knives,
Razors, &c., &c.

OHURON HARMONIOUS, Double Key

Board, 22 Steps.—Price moderate.

LATEST NOVELTIES AND OFFICE

REQUISITES.

Gillett's Steel Pens, Mitchell's Steel
Pens, Ink Bottles in great variety,
Stationery Cases, Date Racks, Por-
celain Slates, Clips, Copying Presses,
Copying Brackets and Water Wells,
Pen Racks, Glass Pen Trays, Paper
Weights, Jerry's Aluminium Gold
Pencil Cases in variety, Memo. Tablets,
Blotting Pads, Butterfly Paper Weights,
Morley's Law Pens, Indian Rubber
Bands, Olographs, Blotting Pads,
Lend Pencils, Leads, Ink Erasers,
Claid Rubber, Blue and Red Pencils,
Penholders, Underwoods Copying and
Writing Ink, Animal Paper Weights and
Fountainpens, Combined Memo.
Tablet and Paper Weight, Stockwell's
Patent Cigar Lighters, Paper Binders,
Metallic Tapes.

AN INVOICE OF BUILDERS' HARDWARE

Including Door Locks, Padlocks,
Brass and Iron Bolts,
MINIATURE PLATED PADLOCKS,
CHURCH'S BOX LOCKS,
CUPBOARD LOCKS,
TILL LOCKS, and PADLOCKS.

NEW BOOKS.

INSTRUCTIVE AND AMUSING.

Haswell's "Engineer's Pocket Book,"
Lyttelton's "Engineer's Pocket Book,"
"Habits of God Society,"
Mayhew's "House Management,"
"Advice to a Mother,"
"Advice to a Wife,"
Phelps's "History of England,"
Macaulay's "Critical and Historical
Essays,"
Do. "Writings and Speeches,"
Do. "Our Inheritance in the Great
Pyramids,"
"Voyage of the Challenger,"
Rooden's "All about Gardening,"
Haydon's "Dictionary of Science,"
"Cabinet Lawyer,"
Maudslayi's "Treasury of Knowledge,"
Do. "Treasury of Geography,"
Caselli's "Popular Educator,"
"Weekly Welcome,"
OLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning
a Language in SIX MONTHS, adapted
to the FRENCH, SPANISH,
GERMAN.
Log Books, School Books,
Folding Maps on Linen,
4,000 Tauchnitz Volumes.

CHEAP EDITIONS

OF POPULAR WORKS FROM 25 CENTS.

"An Eye for an Eye,"
"Moy U'Brien,"
"Orange Lily,"
"Eolus,"
"Rosa Pale Margret,"
"Within Sound of the Sea,"
"Impressions of Theophrastus Such,"
"Light and Shade,"
"The Zulus and the British Frontiers,"
"Basilford,"
"For a Dream's Sake,"
"John Halifax, Gentleman,"
"The Afghan's Knife,"
"Paul Knox Pittman,"
"John O'Connell,"
"Christmas and Mores of Spain,"
"The Life of the Right Honourable Ben-
jamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield,"
"My Heart in the Highlands,"
"Auld Lang Syne,"
"The Life of Charles Lever,"
"The Last Days of Pompeii,"
"Time shall Try,"
"Honour's Worth,"
"Christine Brown's Obedience,"
"Kalyvalda,"
"Macedon of Dora,"
"Havaholm,"
"The History of a Crime,"
"A Beautiful Woman,"
"G. Leveiden,"
"The Bubble Reputation,"
"Bonnie Lacey,"
"The Last of the Mohicans,"
"The People of Turkey,"
"All or Nothing,"
"Within the Precincts,"
"The Grahams of Invermay,"
"The Bachelor of the Albany,"
"Love's Ordeal,"
"The House of Tyn,"
"The Green Hand,"
"Quaker Cousins,"
"Journal of the Plague in London,"
&c., &c., &c.

FROM THE AMERICAN MAIL

The following STORES, in Excess-

lent Condition:—
Fresh ROLL BUTTER,
Finest COMB HONEY, in Frame,
Do. Do. in Bottles,
Dried SHOOT APPLES,
BONNIE'S COFFEE,
Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE,
Mild California Do.,
Smoked SALMON,
Family MEAT BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs,
Oregon Picked C. TONGUES, very fine,
Family PORK, in 20 lbs. kegs,
AMERICAN HAMS,
Do. BACON,
CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED
WHEAT,
OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-
WHEAT FLOUR,
CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS,
Table FRUITS, Barlett PEARS, APRI-
COTS, PEACHES,
Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS,
APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE,
OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON,
CLAMS,
PEANUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL
NUTS,
CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS,
Merrill's Eastern OILER,
Worcestershire Green CORN,
LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASH, SUGAR
PEAS,
CALIFORNIA CRACKER CO.'S GINGER
CAKES,
MILK BISCUITS,
ALPHABET BISCUITS,
OYSTERS BISCUITS,
WATER BISCUITS,
SODA BISCUITS,
AMERICAN SOFT FELT HATS,
Hongkong, February 23, 1880.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH BARK "PERU" FROM

ANTWERP.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signers' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, March 4, 1880.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

R. ROBINSON, American ship, Captain
Smith.—Vogel & Co.

SARAH SEVER, British bark, Captain
Estall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ELIZA HAWLEY, British bark, Capt. J.
Tucker.—Melchers & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship
"Diamonds," will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"Yangtze," will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 24th Inst.,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIRMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Volga,"
Commandant GUINARD,
will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of
the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Océan,"
Commandant RABAT,
will be despatched for
HANGHAI shortly after her arrival from
Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned, for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

M. G. No. 904,925, Mr. A. d'Argence, 2 cases
Tobacco, from Marseilles.

Ex Djinnah.

C. M. G. (in dia.) Order, 35 bags Ginger,
from Galles.

Ex Amazona.

A. H. & C. 3008/3120, Order, 25 cases Colours,
from London.

S. W. (in dia.) 1, Order, 1 case Perfumery,
from London.

S. W. (in dia.) 20/21, Order, 2 boxes Printed
T. S. Cotton, from London.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned BANKS will
Close for Public Business on GOOD
FRIDAY, the 26th Instant, and RASTER
MONDAY, the 29th Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"
GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of
India, London and China,"
H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,"
WILLIAM FORRESTER, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"
E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,"
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"
R. H. SANDHMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, March 23, 1880.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 23, Eliza Hawley, British bark,
306 J. Tucker, Macassar Feb. 16, General.
—Melchers & Co.

March 23, Diamonds, British steamer, 514,
R. Cullen, Manila March 20, General.
—Russell & Co.

March 23, Tunis, British steamer, 886,
Irvine, Saigon March 17, Rice.—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.

March 23, Lydia, German steamer, 1169,
Pahlen, Cheikiang March 19, Rice.—
Swansea & Co.

March 23, Yangtze, British steamer,
from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 23, Hesperia, for Saigon.

23, Nemo, for Coast Ports.

23, Hesperia, for New York.

23, City of Peking, for Yokohama and
San Francisco.

23, Janet, for Tientsin.

23, Lydia, for Whampoa.

23, Hesperia, for Amoy, &c.

23, Carl, for Hongkong.

23, America, for Saigon.

CLEARED.

Kingchow, for Hallow.

Yangtze, for Shanghai.

Diamonds, for Amoy.

ASSIGNMENTS.

Per Diamonds, from Manila, Messrs W.
Fraser and E. Allan, Japanese Troupe, and
100 Chinese.

Per Tunis, from Saigon, 46 Chinese.

Per Nemo, for Swatow, Messrs Beaton,
and O. H. Dodd.

Per Hesperia, for Saigon, 90 Chinese.

Per City of Peking, for San Francisco via
Yokohama, 12 Europeans, and 515 Chinese.

Per Lydia, for Amoy, &c., 80 Chi-
nese.

Per America, for Saigon, 270 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Agamemnon, for Amoy, Mr. J. Math-
eson, and 100 Chinese; for Shanghai, Mr. M.
Pederson.

Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, 60 Chinese.

Per Diamonds, for Amoy, 120 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British bark Eliza Hawley reports:
Fine weather until the 20th of March,
experienced a gale of wind from the N.E.

The British steamer Diamonds reports:
Experienced heavy N.E. monsoon with sea
and swell throughout.

The British steamer Tunis reports:
Strong head winds throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY, —
Per Diamonds, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 24th inst.

For SHANGHAI, —
Per Yangtze, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW, —
Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Thursday,
the 26th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND
BOMBAY, —
Per China, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 26th
inst.

For BANGKOK, —
Per Dai, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 26th
inst.

For JAPAN AND KOBE, —
Per Nippon Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday,
the 2nd April.

MAILS BY THE DEUTSCHE PACKET.

The British Contract Packet Kaiser i Hind
will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,
the 24th March, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe and India; to the Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon,
India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gib-
ralter. This is the best opportunity
for forwarding Correspondence to Mau-
ritius, E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena,
and Ascension.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australasian Colonies.

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE FRENCH MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the French Contract
Packet:—

Day before Departure, —
5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.

5.30 p.m.—Post Office closes till 8 p.m.,
except the Near Box, which is
always open out of Office hours.

8 p.m.—Post Office opens.

8 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.
Posting of all printed matter
and patterns ceases.

10 p.m.—Mails closed, except for Late
Letters.

10.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until

10.30 p.m.—when the Post Office closes
entirely.

10.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted
on board the packet with Late
Fee of 10 cents until time of
departure.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE FRENCH CONTRACT PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Djinnah will
be despatched on WEDNESDAY,
the 24th Instant, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon,
the Australasian Colonies, Pondichery,
Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta
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Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 23.

OPIMUM.—New Pains, cash, 4020

" Old, cash, 585

" New Benares, cash, 585

" Old, cash, 735

" New Malwa, credit, 800

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Exchange.

Bank, Wire, 3/4

" Demand, 3/4

" 30 days' sight, 3/4

" 4 months' sight, 3/4

Credit, 4 months' sight, 3/4

Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/4

India, Wire, 22 1/2

" Demand, 22 1/2

Shanghai, demand, 75 1/2

Gold Leaf, 99 1/2

Sovereigns, 53 1/2

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 66 1/2 prem. sales.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, 1450.

China Traders' Ins. Co., 1450.

North China Ins. Co., 1450.

Yangtze Ins. Assoc., 1450.

China Insurance Co., 430 1/2 sales.

H. K. Fire Ins. Co., 430 1/2 per share sales.

China Steam Navigation Co., 4150 sales.

H. K. & W. Dock Co., 6 1/2 prem.

H. K. & M. S. Boat Co., 6 1/2 prem. buyers.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, 1450.

China Coast S. Nav. Co., 1450.

Hongkong Gas Co., 475

Hongkong Hotel Co., 468 p. sh. buyers.

China Steam Refining Co., 4150 sales.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal
of 1877, do.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Pender & Co.'s Premises,
Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, March 23

BAROMETER.—4 a.m., 30.353

Do. 10 a.m., 30.318

Do. 4 p.m., 30.280

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this country. He did not say so for the purpose of making a personal political attack, although no one loved a party fight more than he did, but he feared they would hear something by and by as to the evil consequences of such language being used.

The following, in reference to the debate, is from the *Observer* of February 28th:

"Amid a shower of words and a dead sea of verbosity, the speech delivered just now by Mr. Plunket stands out with great freshness. It would not be difficult to support the thesis that Mr. Plunket is one of the three best speakers in the House. He has a frank, manly presence, and a voice to which, a tendency to stammer occasionally lends striking effect. He is capable of rising to heights of passionate declamation without losing command over himself. He is swift as lightning flash when opportunity for retort is offered, and there constantly bubbles up some witty phrase or humorous censure of facts. Of his two manners nothing could have been better last night than his denunciation of the loud-mouthed swaggering agitator, preceded by a brass band, and followed by a Fenian mob; and his play with Mr. Sullivan on the subject of the gentleman's visit to Liverpool to consolidate the union between the Home Rulers and the Whig party. The newspaper reports will doubtless give some outline of Mr. Plunket's speech, but they cannot convey any impression of the graceful quality of the orator, of the varying expression of his bright face, of the effective gestures with which he pointed his facts, or of the exciting and sustained cheers and laughter which rang throughout his brilliant speech."

The following is an extract from the *Irish Times* London correspondent's Parliamentary letter, dated Monday, February 23rd:

"Mr. Plunket is a speaker of quite another order." "I divide the palm of oratory in the debate between the Member for the University and the Member for Mayo. Mr. O'Connor Power has not a trace of humor, and is almost without the gift of sarcasm. The Honourable David, on the contrary, is master of a fine dry wit, and a subtle irony that stings. During most of his speech one half his audience was in roars of laughter, while the other was goaded to fury. The Tory grined with delight, the Whig grined with rage, and there between the two stood the man who worked up such different emotions in the same audience, his musical voice all the more musical for the slight impediment which recalls in its effect Addison's remark that the flashes of silence in sweet sounds enhance the melody, this musical voice of his, I say, rippling along in alternate banter, irony, denunciation or argument; I thought at one time the man he assailed would have risen bodily at him. Mr. O'Donnell called out distinctly, 'False, false,' which was not far short of the direct, Mr. O'Donnell leaped from his seat at the same time, and in a voice trembling with anger, demanded the ruling of the speaker. Mr. Plunket clearly enjoyed the storm of his own raising, and did not scruple either to join heartily in the laugh he woke or to reply by triumphant looks the fierce interruptions of the men he faced."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next American Mail may be expected here on or about the 28th inst., by the *O. & O. steamer Celtic*. She brings San Francisco dates to the 28th ult.

The next French Mail may be expected to arrive here on or about the 29th by the *M. M. steamer Oms*, which brings London dates to Feb. 20th.

We learn that the outward French mail was to leave Singapore at 2 p.m. yesterday (22nd).

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.), that the *S. S. Strathmore* left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 20th inst.

The Portuguese Consul paid an official visit to the French flag ship this afternoon and received the usual salute on leaving that vessel.

A *Barrage Match* will be held at Rowland Riffe Range on Thursday next, the 25th inst., between two teams of 10 each from R. M. S. *Iron Duke* and the Police, 7 rounds each at 200, 300, and 700 yards.

The *Amoy-Guthrie Cable* failed this afternoon and the telegraphic communication with Shanghai and Japan is broken off. Until the cable has been repaired telegrams for places beyond Amoy can only be forwarded by Post.

Mrs. Major General Donovan will proceed to Singapore by the P. & O. steamer *Kaiser-i-Hind* to-morrow evening, for the purpose of making his annual inspection of the troops stationed in the Straits Settlements. He will be accompanied by Captain E. Barton, 5th Regiment, appointed Aide-de-Camp from this date, and Lieut. A. Drummond, Scots Guards, who will shortly proceed to England to reform his regiment.

The last event in connection with the so-called Athletic Sports was concluded this afternoon, the final heat of the Company Regatta. The first heat was pulled on Monday, the 16th, by four companies being pulled against the other four, the second on the 18th, leaving B. & H. Singapore to be the final heat and the championship of the Regatta for the year. The teams (10 in each) contending were as follows:

the average weights of: B. Co. 11st. 11lbs., and H. Co. 12st. 23lbs., leaving a balance in favour of H. Co. of 5lbs. At the given word, both teams lay well on to the rope, and B. Co. for a time looked like winning, having pulled the foremost man of H. up as far as the scratch. Here their chance of success began to fade and H. with their heavier weight made immense efforts and dragged their lighter opponents right away without ever making a halt. Time, 3 min. 47 sec.

The prizes for yesterday's sports were presented to the successful competitors by Col. Geddes shortly before the tug of war commenced. The event was witnessed by a large number of the residents of the town including a fair sprinkling of ladies, showing that, although we have had two days' sports close on each other, the Athletic spirit is not yet exhausted.

The Royal Artillery intend holding their Athletic sports on Friday week, the 2nd proximo. The Cricket Ground has been kindly placed at their disposal and the grand stand is to be left standing for the occasion. Several novelties have been introduced in the programme which is a lengthy one embracing no fewer than twenty events, and disposing of \$175 in money prizes. Three of the items on the card are to be open, two to the garrison and members of the fleet, one a 100 yards, and one a mile flat race. A third, the tug of war, is to be open to all comers including foreign men-of-war, the Hongkong volunteers and the foreign residents in the Colony. This looks rather plucky for such a small body of men as the Artillery muster here, and we hope their endeavours to afford another outdoor treat may be successful, and that the clerk of the weather may play as fair to them as he has on the last two occasions.

RECAPITULATION of the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 21—

	European.	Chinese.
Mon. Mar. 16th.	37	413
Tues. " 17th.	40	501
Wed. " 18th.	39	389
Thurs. " 19th.	30	430
Fri. " 20th.	33	333
Sat. " 21st.	78	365
Totals	244	2,411
Grand total, 2,655.		

We take the following shipping news from our Manila file of the latest date:

The American ship *Empire*, Capt. Leckie, arrived at Manila on the 15th inst., in ballast, six days from Hongkong; the British barque *Orion*, Captain Richardson, arrived at Manila on the 15th inst., ten days from Shanghai, in ballast; the American ship *Mermaid*, Captain Maguire, 635 tons, Captain Maguire, arrived at Manila on the 15th inst., with a general cargo, 147 days from Hamburg.

The British barque *Brunette* left Manila for Sydney on the 11th inst.; the German barque *Hindoo* left Manila for London on the 11th inst.; the American ship *Yankee* left Manila for Hongkong on the 11th inst. to load for New York.

The following charters were effected up to the 13th inst.—The barque *V. A. Holman*, 100 tons, New York, private; *Barque Nonpareil*, Manila to Melbourne, \$22.15 per ton of 20 quintals, 25 lbs. days; American ship *Kate Davenport*, for New York, sugar at \$11, and hemp at \$1 for 100 tons; British barque *Yankee*, for New York, from Manila, sugar at \$12; American ship *Titan*, for New York, from Manila, private.

REFERENCE to the para. which appeared in these columns on Saturday referring to the Burmese Chinese Regiment, a correspondent writes:—

It may interest you to know that when I was in Mandalay (the capital of Burma) the beginning of the 11th December, the nucleus of the said Regiment then about 100 strong, arrived at Mandalay, and were immediately taken up to the regular Burmese "army," but they were the ordinary Chinese dress; the men had come from Yunnan and were more than expected.

While I was in Mandalay the King made a Grand Royal Exit—the first since his accession—from the Palace to a certain "Festival" called *Adon-ma-she* or "the Untravelling" and in addition to other occasions, I had then an opportunity of seeing nearly all the troops. They are the biggest rabble you ever saw, and in fact if you will look back the *Graphic* a few months you will see some pictures of the Chinese, and you will find that the Burmese have always fought well behind shotlocks, but on the open field, they run away from shells like a flock of frightened sheep. The King has also cavalry mounted on little ponies as something like those with the Chinese Tartars in Canton.

Princess Albert Wilhelm Heinrich of Prussia, born on the 14th August 1868, the second son of the German Crown Prince and the Princess Royal of England, and a grandson of Emperor William and Queen Victoria, is a sub-lieutenant in the German navy and now on service on board of H. L. G. M. S. *Prinz Adalbert*. The *Prinz Adalbert* is a water-buff of the *Edmund* class that visited Singapore last year, of 3,525 tons. She carries 12 guns and has a crew of 425 men, officers included. She left Kiel in October 1878. After calling at Madeira and Monte Video, she passed through the Straits of Magellan and visited different parts of the South Sea, and then returned to Europe, where she was called for by the Emperor and Empress for Yokohama, where she arrived towards the end of May last year as a relief for the *Prinz* *Alte* of the German Navy. The *Prinz Adalbert* will be relieved in April of this year by the *Prinz* *Alte*, and will, on her homeward voyage, call at Hongkong and Singapore. The *Prinz* *Alte* is a water-buff of the *Edmund* class, and is the first of the class to be built. She is a very fine ship, and is expected to be a great success. She is expected to be a great success. She is expected to be a great success.

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Police Intelligence.

(Before C. F. Cragg, Esq.)

Tuesday, March 23.

THEFT FROM A CHILD.

Kong Lun Kum, a hawker, and Leong Ah-poh, a coolie, were charged, the first prisoner with the theft of a silver bangle from the person of a child, and the second with being concerned in the same offence on the 22nd inst.

Sham A-nui, a girl 11 years of age, said that yesterday forenoon she was in Queen's Road East near No. 4 Station looking at a wedding procession. She was carrying her younger brother on her back and felt him suddenly moving. On turning round she saw first defendant take a silver bangle from the child's leg and pass it to some one in the crowd. She seized him, but he broke away from her. He was unable to force his way through the crowd and she again held him and he was handed over to a constable. When at the station he said "I took the bangle, but I gave it to some one."

P. C. Li A-hung was sent out with the first defendant to look for the man to whom he said he had given the bangle, and identified the second defendant. He also said he had given it to another man but was unable to find him.

First defendant said the second told him to steal the bangle and give it to him. Second defendant said he saw the first steal the bangle, which he wished him (the second defendant) to keep for him.

Both defendants were convicted, the first of larceny, the second of aiding and abetting. The second admitted having been in jail for nine weeks this year for larceny.

The first prisoner was sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment, the first and last seven days in solitary confinement, and to be brought before the court again on his release from jail.

The second defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement, the rest with hard labour, and to be exposed for six hours publicly in the stocks on his release from jail.

STEALING TARPOLINS.

Kwok A-sha, a hawker, was charged with stealing two tarpolins, the property of the Government, one on the 15th inst., and the other on the 14th inst. The case was remanded till Saturday next, to admit of the police making further enquiries.

(Before the Hon. O. P. Plunket.)

MURDER IN THE HARBOUR.—PRISONERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

This afternoon further evidence was led against the prisoners, and the first prisoner and the woman committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions. The second prisoner, who was charged with the murder of Kwok Tat, a long and troublesome one, has been conducted with much determination and intelligence by Inspector Cameron; the prisoners are defended by Mr. Stephens. The Magistrate stated the case thus:—On the 10th inst., at about 10 o'clock, a man named TONG AYO, a boatman, saw the first defendant, Chan Tai Hsi, and another man in custody come down to the beach at Yau-mah-ai and enquire for a woman named Kwok Tat, the deceased. They could not find her and went away and came back again and a second time made enquiries for her. This was between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. Then a woman named Kwok Tat Tai swore positively that she took defendant and another man off in her boat looking for the prisoner Kwok Tat, and they kept shouting out her name until a woman answered from a small boat; these two men then took out a few cases and paid them to her and they went into the small boat where the woman named Kwok Tat Tai was. They then came ashore and the woman named Kwok Tat Tai was found dead in a place on shore and was there, he says, when first defendant and another man also came there to smoke opium. The man who was with the first prisoner sat on the same bed as they told one another their names as they were quite drunk. This witness observed fresh stains of blood on the clothes of the man with whom he was talking, and asked him if he could explain them; he had been fighting. The first prisoner then gave the man who was with him and not talk any more. Then we have next the evidence of an European, Sergeant Grant, who on the morning of the 11th December saw a boat spinning round in the harbour with a man in it, and he saw the boat in a way that showed that there was nobody in it. Then the whole case was told in which everything lay in disorder showed that the occupant had been murdered in the boat. The boat was brought to the shore and was recognised by Chan Ayan as her mother's boat. It is the deceased's boat. It is also recognised by a woman who had been for years the sweetheart of the different articles in the boat. These were satisfactorily identified. Then the next thing that could come as evidence was the medical evidence, which was given by Dr. Williams, which was not here but was taken at the inquest held on the body. I have not read it, but I am told that it proves from certain circumstances that the body is that of a person who has been murdered, and he also says that he would judge from the appearance of the body that the murder had been committed and the body thrown into the water about nine o'clock on the night of the 10th December. There is no evidence of any kind whatever against the second defendant, except his statement when arrested that he knows something about the matter, but is not the man. This woman says the second prisoner is her sweetheart and had been living with her continuously for ten days before she arrested him. In her house is found a box which is positively sworn to by Wong Apak to be one which he himself bought years ago and gave to the murdered woman and which he himself saw in her possession three days before she was murdered. Inside on the lid of the box is his name written in Chinese characters, and he says that the box is how the woman is connected with the case. She is found with the property of a murdered woman in her possession a few days after the murder is committed—within a month at least—and when asked for a name she says that she has a box which she bought years ago and gave to the murdered woman knowing that to have been stolen. Mr. Stephens, although it was not for him to make a case against a living, asked whether the second prisoner living, this woman, he said, who could not really say he was committed to the Magistrate said he had considered that point but did not think he could not

go so far as that. He would consult however with Mr. Feth and Mr. Stephens to have the second prisoner forthcoming at the Sessions if he was wanted.

BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Kwan Aze, a cook, was charged with being in possession of a quantity of prepared opium on the 20th inst. without a permit from the Opium Farmer.

Inspector Perry searched a house in Hollywood Road under warrant and found a quantity of opium pellets prepared from other men and a woman. The master of the house, being pointed out as the master, the woman claimed the opium as hers.

In a square hole in the floor of the kitchen witness found an earthenware pot containing three or four tins of opium and the woman as her property. The room below the cook loft was used as a lottery office, and there were nine or ten coolies there. It was not fitted up as a smoking room. The woman said she had a lottery office, and was not the master of the place. The defendant said she had a lottery office, and was not the master of the place. The defendant said she had a lottery office, and was not the master of the place.

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The Chief Justice said:—The severity with which I have sentenced criminals convicted of kidnapping, has received the commendation of the Minister of the Crown specially charged with watching over the Colonies. He has in the House of Commons commended my expressed determination to visit severely all such crimes. It is satisfactory to find that from the broader view of these crimes in England the same conclusions have been arrived at in England as to the view which this Court has come to. I shall take time to consider all surrounding circumstances before I pass sentence in this case, as well as in the other case of kidnapping on which the two women are already convicted in this Court at this Session. The Sessions were then adjourned till Thursday next, the 25th inst., at 10 o'clock, when the *Mendula* case will be heard.

THE RUSSIAN AND BRITISH FLEETS.

(Japan Gazette.)

In a short time the Admiral, Baron von Stokelberg, who now commands the Russian fleet in the Pacific, will have down his flag and return home. He will be succeeded by Admiral Aalenbekov, who is now on his way to Hongkong, in the new flag-ship *Minin*.

At the moment the Russian squadron in our waters is not large, as one of the corvettes is undergoing large repairs, and the only two powerful sea-going vessels are the *Croayser* and *Drigh*, both fast and well armed with long range guns. But the new vessels on the way will make the fleet important. The *Minin* has 4 guns of about 28 tons weight, is protected by 12 inches of armour on her more vital parts and, in all respects, is a most formidable vessel. The *Zabinka*, and her consort *Rasbonyk*, will be here soon, and are, as will be seen by our home naval reports, swift and effective cruisers. When the *Antia Poterky* comes out, and we believe she will, in January, Russia will have a distinct naval ascendancy in the waters of China and Japan, in good time for the critical times which seem to be impending.

We wish to point out a matter that must give to our diplomatic and naval authorities grave anxiety and foreboding. We do so in the hope of arousing the attention of the home papers to the shameful condition of H.B.M.'s fleet of China fleet, now under the orders of Admiral Cooke.

We will comment on the vessels serially. At the same time we desire to say, that as far as the officers and crews of H. M. ships are concerned, no improvement is desired. The discipline of the ships is known to be excellent, and if we brought to England any unwelcome humiliation, the discredit will not lie upon the men and their leaders, but will have to be borne by the right honourable gentlemen now at the head of the Admiralty.

1. *Albatross*, 4 guns, a new vessel of the *Aegle* class. She has not come out yet, but is expected in Hongkong.

2. *Charlybird*, 17 guns, a vessel with hull and engines about 25 years old. She was, in her day, an effective ship, but is now worn out, slow, weakly armed, and at her best has about 4 knots less speed than the Russian corvettes.

3. *Comus*, 14 guns. A new and powerful vessel, eminently suitable for service in China. She should be in Hongkong some time this month.

4. *Egria*, 4 guns, now near the end of a second commission. She is still in fair order.

5. *Encounter*, 14 guns, a vessel of the *Modeste* class, and, like her, weakly armed.

6. *Fly*, an old and inferior gun boat, with 5 or 6 knots speed.

7. *Foxhound*, a new gun boat, of small size.

8. *Frolic*, a gun boat on her second commission. Said to be worn out.

9. *Groucher*, *Hart*, *Hornet*, old and worn-out gun boats, all on second commission.

10. *Iron Duke*, iron-clad, 14 guns. An indifferent vessel, one of Mr. Reed's weakest productions. A short stay on the mud of the Shanghai river has done no good to the vessel, which is now visibly hogged. The ship could not cope with either the *Prince Poyarsky* or *Minin* in speed, and the *Minin* could sink the *Iron Duke* in a few minutes, without receiving any damage in return.

11. *Kestrel*, *Lapwing*, *Lily*, *Maggie*, *Midge*, gun vessels of two classes, all on second commission. The *Lapwing* and *Maggie* are said to be still in fair order. The *Kestrel*, *Lily* and *Midge* are worn out.

12. *Modeste*, 14 guns, a very inferior vessel, weakly armed, and of original build, but of quality of hull and engines throughout, in fact, one of the bad bargains of H. M. Navy. She seems as much constant docking as the *Kongo*, *Hige*, or *Foon*.

13. *Maorhin* and *Mogwito*, two gunboats both on second commission.

14. *Pegasus*, a new and efficient steam ship. With the *Albatross*, *Egria*, *Comus*, *Lapwing* and *Maggie*, Admiral Cooke will have exactly six vessels—only one of which is a powerful cruiser—to depend upon. But of these only two are in first class order, viz. the *Pegasus* and *Comus*. The four other vessels work with reduced steam pressure. The *Encounter*, in spite of her feeble battery, might be useful in certain limited conditions.

15. *Stalder*, *Stalder* and *Swinger*, two small gun boats, both on second commission.

16. *Sylvia*, 4 guns, a surveying vessel, and only fit to act as such.

17. *Vigilant*, despatch vessel, a poor paddle steamer, towed by Mr. Reed's tug, and altogether inefficient.

In case of war, combinations could be made with the Pacific squadron, which counts the iron-clad *Triumph*, the iron-clad *Shannon*, two corvettes of the *Modeste* class, and some gunboats; and the East Indian squadron would, perhaps, give assistance with the fast frigate *Surpatria* and other vessels.

No one can deny that the vessels of H. M. squadron in China and Japan are, with the exception of a few pointed out, the very dregs of the British Navy. The fleet, as a fleet, is a shabby, and we sincerely trust that no warfare will occur to

